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State encourages college students To take advantage of TaxExpress

College students who want to get a jump on the tax season this year can file online for free with TaxExpress at www.taxexpress.utah.gov.

TaxExpress is an Internet-based filing application, built by the Utah State Tax Commission, for individual state income tax returns. With recent improvements and upgrades, TaxExpress is now available to about one-half of all Utah residents, including college students.

TaxExpress is one of the easiest ways for college students to file their income tax return. Students may access TaxExpress any time of day from their dorm or apartment.

Here are some of the key eligibility requirements for using the online system:

- Your federal adjusted gross income is \$100,000 or less
- You and your spouse (if married filing jointly) were full-year Utah residents in 2005 and filed Utah returns
- You claim only the standard deduction on your federal form
- You have 10 or fewer W2 forms and/or 1099 forms showing Utah withholding taxes. Out-of-state withholding forms are not allowed.

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Refunds through the TaxExpress system are generally faster than other filing methods, and refunds usually arrive in a matter of days, rather than weeks. You also have the option to have your state income tax refund deposited directly into your credit union or bank savings or checking account through TaxExpress.

In addition to refunds, TaxExpress is also available for those who owe income taxes. Filers simply choose the payment that is most convenient. You may pay your taxes with a credit card, electronic check, PaymentExpress, and mail your payment with the coupon included in the TaxExpress booklet.

Filers should maintain the TaxExpress record and W-2 forms for personal records.

Here are a few tips that will help those using TaxExpress:

- Complete and have access to your 2005 federal return. Information from the federal tax form is required to complete the Utah return.
- Have your 2004 Federal Adjusted Gross Income (FAGI) available. This information is located on line 4 of your 2004 Utah TC-40 form. If you filed a TaxExpress return last year, your FAGI is located on your TaxExpress online worksheet in the section labeled “Income, Deductions, Taxes.”
- Have access to all your W-2 and 1099 forms for 2005. It will be necessary to file amended returns if you receive additional W-2 and 1099 forms after filing your return.

The TaxExpress has been available since Jan. 13, at www.taxexpress.utah.gov.

Utah.gov is the State of Utah’s official Web portal and was ranked first in the nation in Brown Univesity’s 2005 survey of state and federal sites.

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The portal is a collaborative effort between the State and Utah Interactive, LLC. Utah Interactive - a Salt Lake City-based wholly owned subsidiary of eGovernment firm NIC - built, markets, operates and maintains the portal.

NIC manages more online government services than any provider in the world. The company is helping improve electronic information services between governments and they people they serve.

NIC manages transactions for over 1,500 state and local agencies that serve more than 51 million people in the United States. Additional information is available at www.nicusa.com.

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